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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

REYNOLDS ET AL.

Examiner

Le H Luu

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/10/2000 to 10/19/2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 7.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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1. Claims 1-51 are presented for examination.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless—

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language,

or

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by **Taylor et al. (Taylor)** patent no. **6,654,830**.

4. As to claim 1, Taylor teaches the invention as claimed, including a system for mapping addresses of SCSI devices (col. 8 lines 11-45), comprising:

a plurality of storage area networks (figure 17, col. 25 lines 11-42) on which is located at least one device (figure 17, storage device 1330-1339) and/or at least one host (figure 17, client server 1310-1318);

a storage area network extender that connects said at least two storage area networks over a packet-based network (figure 17, communication channel 1350-1351

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using fiber channel, Gigabit Ethernet, or ATM, col. 6 lines 38-60, col. 25 lines 11-42), wherein at least one host on any storage area network is operable to access at least one device located on any storage area network of said plurality of storage area networks (col. 25 lines 11-42).

5. As to claims 2-3 Taylor teaches said storage area network extender seamlessly interconnects said at least two storage area networks that are geographically distinct (col. 6 lines 38-60; figure 17).

6. As to claims 4, Taylor teaches said storage area network extender comprise a plurality of nodes (figure 17, storage servers 1300-1302).

7. As to claim 5, Taylor teaches device addresses are mapped to an intermediary device identifier, which in turn is mapped into an address accessible by said host (col. 29 line 33 - col. 30 line 27).

8. As to claim 6, Taylor teaches said nodes comprise a Fiber channel-to SCSI router (col. 9 lines 36-44).

9. As to claim 7, Taylor teaches a node identifier, and a generic device identifier (col. 19 lines 25-49).

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10. As to claim 8, Taylor teaches each of said node is operable to inform said plurality of nodes of said at least one device located on said storage area network to which said node is interface (col. 18 line 41 - col. 19 line 19).

11. As to claim 9, Taylor teaches storage area networks communicate via an encapsulation protocol (col. 6 lines 38-60).

12. Claims 10-51 have similar limitations as claims 1-9; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9650. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia, can be reached at (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7239.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Le Hien Luu', is written over a horizontal line.

LE HIEN LUU
PRIMARY EXAMINER

February 05, 2004